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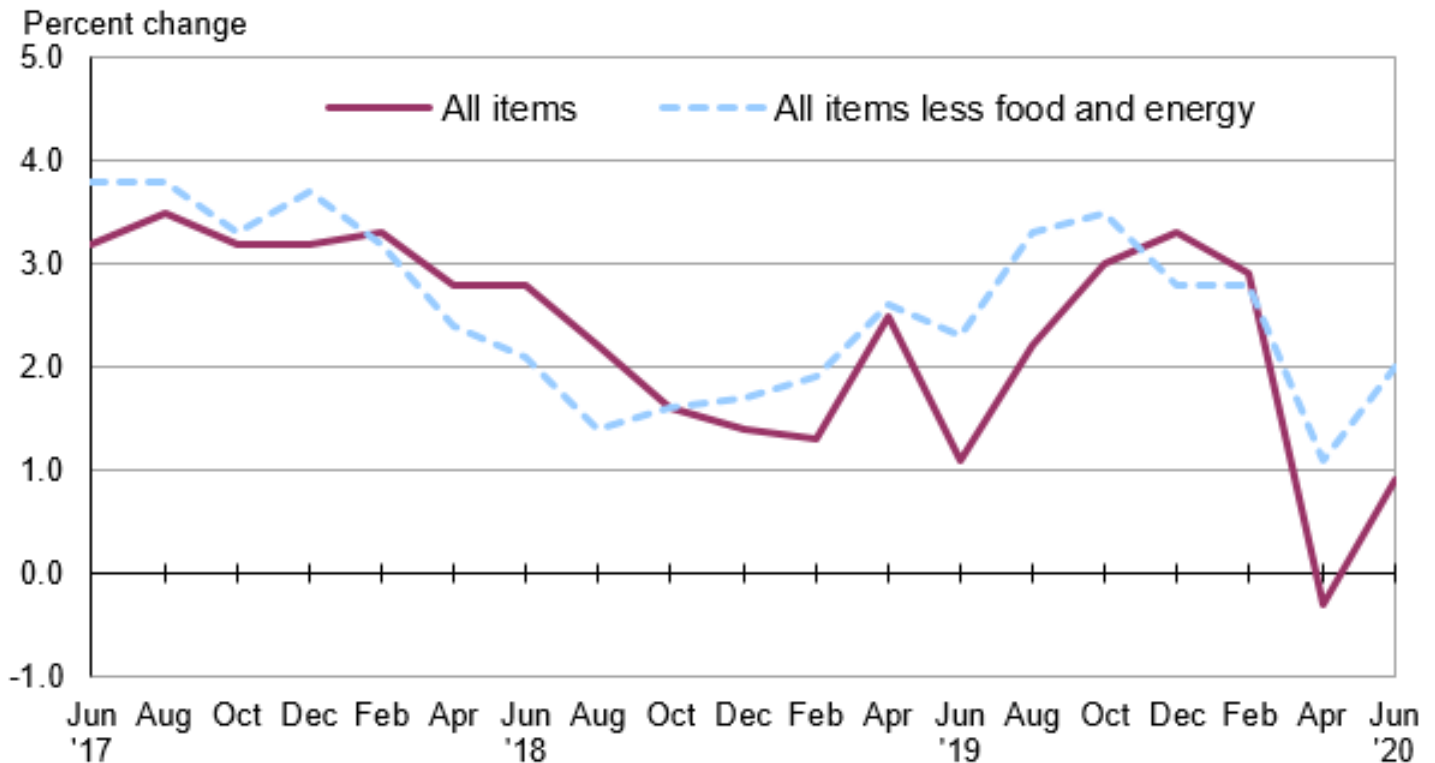
Consumer Price Index, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell – June 2020

Area prices up 0.9 percent over the year

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell increased 1.1 percent from April to June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the index for all items less food and energy rose 0.8 percent since April, while the energy index advanced 6.2 percent over the bi-monthly period. In contrast, the food index edged down 0.2 percent from April to June. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, bi-monthly changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The all items CPI-U rose 0.9 percent for the 12 months ending in June. The index for all items less food and energy rose 2.0 percent over the last 12 months, while the food index advanced 4.3 percent. The energy index fell 15.1 percent over the past 12 months. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA, June 2017–June 2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Food

The food index edged down 0.2 percent from April to June, reflecting a 1.4-percent decline in the food away from home index. The food at home index rose 0.9 percent over the bi-monthly period.

The food index advanced 4.3 percent for the 12 months ending in June, reflecting increases in the food at home (7.1 percent) and food away from home (1.5 percent) indexes.

Energy

The energy index advanced 6.2 percent from April to June, reflecting a 15.7-percent increase in the gasoline index. The electricity index was unchanged over the bi-monthly period.

The energy index fell 15.1 percent for the 12 months ending in June, led by a 28.0-percent fall in the gasoline index. The electricity index declined 2.1 percent over the past 12 months.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.8 percent from April to June, led by increases in the shelter (1.1 percent) and motor vehicle insurance (15.5 percent) indexes.

The index for all items less food and energy advanced 2.0 percent for the 12 months ending in June. Several indexes contributed to the increase, most notably shelter (2.9 percent) and medical care (9.6 percent). Apparel (-9.3 percent) was among the indexes to decline over the past year.

Table A. Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA, CPI-U 2-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted

Month	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month
February	0.3	1.6	1.2	3.5	1.2	3.3	1.2	1.3	0.8	2.9
April	1.0	1.9	0.6	3.2	0.2	2.8	1.4	2.5	-1.8	-0.3
June	1.3	0.7	1.3	3.2	1.2	2.8	-0.1	1.1	1.1	0.9
August	0.5	1.2	0.8	3.5	0.3	2.2	1.3	2.2		
October	-0.1	2.4	-0.3	3.2	-1.0	1.6	-0.2	3.0		
December	-0.4	2.6	-0.4	3.2	-0.6	1.4	-0.3	3.3		

The Consumer Price Index for July 2020 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact on June 2020 Consumer Price Index Data

Data collection by personal visit for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) program has been suspended since March 16, 2020. When possible, data normally collected by personal visit were collected either online or by phone. Additionally, data collection in June was affected by the temporary closing or limited operations of certain types of establishments. These factors resulted in an increase in the number of prices considered temporarily unavailable and imputed. While the CPI program attempted to collect as much data as possible, many indexes are based on smaller amounts of collected prices than usual, and a small number of indexes that are normally published were not published this month. Additional information is available at <https://www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-consumer-price-index.htm>.

Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 29 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 75 urban areas across the country from about 5,000 housing units and approximately 22,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.

The index measures price changes from a designated reference date (1982-84) that equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to

\$11.65. For further details, see the CPI home page on the Internet at www.bls.gov/cpi and the BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 17, The Consumer Price Index, available on the Internet at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/pdf/homch17.pdf.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **NOTE: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The **Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA**, Core Based Statistical Area covered in this release is comprised of Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Meriwether, Morgan, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties in Georgia.

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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Apr. 2020	May 2020	Jun. 2020	Jun. 2019	Apr. 2020	May 2020
Expenditure category						
All Items.....	242.617	-	245.184	0.9	1.1	-
All items (1967=100)	731.660	-	739.399	-	-	-
Food and beverages	265.999	-	265.555	3.2	-0.2	-
Food	279.825	-	279.267	4.3	-0.2	-
Food at home	260.094	259.021	262.526	7.1	0.9	1.4
Cereals and bakery products	231.158	-	224.518	0.8	-2.9	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	291.946	-	306.715	11.9	5.1	-
Dairy and related products	246.472	-	238.187	3.2	-3.4	-
Fruits and vegetables	303.435	-	312.279	7.8	2.9	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1)	266.588	-	268.272	7.2	0.6	-
Other food at home	221.658	-	220.138	6.4	-0.7	-
Food away from home.....	312.386	-	308.035	1.5	-1.4	-
Alcoholic beverages	144.727	-	145.219	-12.0	0.3	-
Housing	257.102	-	259.050	2.3	0.8	-
Shelter	285.609	285.278	288.729	2.9	1.1	1.2
Rent of primary residence	297.520	298.442	299.069	3.1	0.5	0.2
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2)	280.676	280.584	281.515	3.2	0.3	0.3
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(2)	280.676	280.584	281.515	3.2	0.3	0.3
Fuels and utilities.....	298.963	-	299.156	-1.5	0.1	-
Household energy	255.963	255.476	256.175	-1.8	0.1	0.3
Energy Services	254.475	254.127	254.701	-1.9	0.1	0.2
Electricity	219.919	219.919	219.919	-2.1	0.0	0.0
Utility (piped) gas service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings and operations	128.538	-	127.528	2.5	-0.8	-
Apparel	129.325	-	127.348	-9.3	-1.5	-
Transportation	182.460	-	193.299	-6.3	5.9	-
Private transportation	182.689	-	194.594	-5.7	6.5	-
New and used motor vehicles(3).....	99.608	-	101.679	0.6	2.1	-
New vehicles(1).....	208.022	-	212.983	2.4	2.4	-
Used cars and trucks(1)	212.434	-	208.616	-1.9	-1.8	-
Motor fuel	140.647	144.514	162.398	-27.9	15.5	12.4
Gasoline (all types).....	139.161	143.060	161.035	-28.0	15.7	12.6
Unleaded regular(4)	134.477	138.345	156.205	-28.5	16.2	12.9
Unleaded midgrade(4)(5)	186.928	189.818	211.639	-25.0	13.2	11.5
Unleaded premium(4).....	166.609	170.648	187.494	-23.6	12.5	9.9
Motor vehicle insurance(1).....	1,094.539	-	1,263.864	7.4	15.5	-
Medical Care	489.521	-	488.577	9.6	-0.2	-
Recreation(3).....	86.497	-	86.944	3.0	0.5	-
Education and communication(3).....	137.143	-	134.961	0.1	-1.6	-
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1) ..	1,461.227	-	1,461.227	2.7	0.0	-
Other goods and services	396.498	-	395.373	1.7	-0.3	-
Commodity and service group						
All Items.....	242.617	-	245.184	0.9	1.1	-
Commodities	173.465	-	174.606	-2.3	0.7	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....	134.319	-	135.935	-5.4	1.2	-
Nondurables less food & beverages	162.944	-	166.708	-9.9	2.3	-
Durables	104.466	-	104.508	-0.1	0.0	-
Services.....	308.101	-	312.083	2.8	1.3	-

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Apr. 2020	May 2020	Jun. 2020	Jun. 2019	Apr. 2020	May 2020
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	229.747	-	232.459	0.2	1.2	-
All items less shelter	228.658	-	231.037	-0.1	1.0	-
Commodities less food	134.330	-	135.901	-5.7	1.2	-
Nondurables	208.032	-	209.933	-3.1	0.9	-
Nondurables less food	160.530	-	164.009	-10.1	2.2	-
Services less rent of shelter(2)	347.770	-	353.014	2.6	1.5	-
Services less medical care services	290.335	-	294.378	2.2	1.4	-
Energy	176.956	178.691	187.940	-15.1	6.2	5.2
All items less energy	249.182	-	250.897	2.3	0.7	-
All items less food and energy	244.821	-	246.884	2.0	0.8	-

Footnotes

(1) Index is on a December 1977=100 base.

(2) Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

(3) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

(4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(5) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date. Data not seasonally adjusted.